

We are very concerned over Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to use the public airwaves to air "Stolen Honor" the night before the Presidential election without giving opposing views equal primetime airtime such as also airing the program "Going Upriver".

It is especially disconcerting when a few months ago, Sinclair forbade its ABC affiliates from airing a Nightline tribute to American soldiers slain in Iraq, saying it was anti-war propaganda. After 9/11, the company seems to have demanded that their stations express allegiance to the Bush administration on the air.

This seems to be a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

We thought Sinclair's use of the public airwaves free of charge obligated them by law to serve the public interest. We just do not see any service here by programming that seems to us to be clearly in support of a political agenda that is self-serving and a disservice to an open democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,

The Gray Family